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## **HOSTAGES IN IRAN**

## Carter reveals details about rescue of six

A small documentary film company, financed by the CIA, helped six Americans escape from Iran during the hostage crisis early in 1980, former President Jimmy Carter said in an interview published yesterday.

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The film company "orchestrated the escape of the Americans in the [Canadian] Embassy," Mr. Carter said in an interview published in yesterday's combined editions of The Atlanta Journal and The Atlanta Constitution.

After Iranians stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran in 1979, six embassy employees hid at the Canadian Embassy. Officials, concerned about the safety of the 52 hostages being held in Tehran, said little at the time about how the six escaped from time

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Mr. Carter said the company, which he did not name, was able to operate undetected because Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini wanted as much publicity as possible about his revolution.

